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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

BOX FEE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 21, 2001. This response is filed with a one month extension and necessary fees making this a timely response. Applicants believe that no other fees are due at this time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees, including extension fees or other relief which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-67501/DJB/TAL/DLR).

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I, namely Claims 111 and 21-26, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid, with traverse, for further prosecution. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 27-31 of Group V should also be considered together with Group

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I since Claims 8-9 and 21-26 of Group I are already drawn to a nucleic acid in an expression vector, transformed into a cell, and thus no additional searching burden would be imposed with respect to the invention of Group V.

It is believed that the above fully complies with the requirements set forth in the communication mailed on August 21, 2001. The Examiner is invited to direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned at (415) 781-1989.

Respectfully submitted,

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